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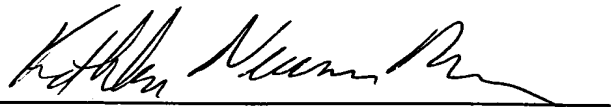
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	5,981,180	11-09-1999	Chandler et al.			
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	Krishnan Chari, et al., "Random Array of Microspheres", filed 07 March 2001, Docket 83494, USSN 10/092,803.
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